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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 2-12 are pending in this application.

Please cancel claims 2-8 and 10, and amend claims 11-12 as set forth in the following listing of the claims.

Claim 1. (canceled)

Claims 2-8. (cancel)

Claim 9. (previously presented) An
engine starter, comprising:

a recoil device;

a ring gear operatively rotated with
said recoil device;

a recoil cover for accommodating said
recoil device and said ring gear therein;

a starter device having pinions engaged with said ring gear only when said starter device is operated; and

a drain mechanism provided on said recoil cover for allowing a liquid entering from said recoil cover to be discharged by one-touch operation; and

wherein said drain mechanism includes a boss formed integrally with said recoil cover, and an auxiliary pipe is press-fit to said boss, wherein a drain hose is fixedly coupled via a clip over an outer periphery of said auxiliary pipe at one end thereof, and at the other end of said drain hose, a drain cap is loosely fitted and securely fixed thereto with a second clip.

Claim 10. (cancel)

11. (currently amended) ~~The engine starter according to claim 3, wherein~~ An engine starter, comprising:

a recoil device;

a ring gear operatively rotated with said recoil device;

a recoil cover for accommodating said recoil device and said ring gear therein;

a starter device having pinions engaged
with said ring gear only when said starter device is operated;
and

a drain mechanism provided on said
recoil cover for allowing a liquid entering from said recoil
cover to be discharged by one-touch operation; and

wherein said recoil cover includes a
window for allowing the liquid therein to be visible from
outside; and

the window of the recoil cover is
positioned above the drain mechanism to provide for visibility of
liquid in the recoil cover.

12. (currently amended) ~~The engine~~
~~starter according to claim 5, wherein~~ An engine starter,
comprising:

a recoil device;

a ring gear operatively rotated with
said recoil device;

a recoil cover for accommodating said
recoil device and said ring gear therein;

a starter device having pinions engaged
with said ring gear only when said starter device is operated;
and

a drain mechanism provided on said recoil cover for allowing a liquid entering from said recoil cover to be discharged by one-touch operation; and

wherein said recoil cover includes a compressed air injection hole for introducing compressed air to forcibly discharge the liquid inside said recoil cover and a lid member for closing said compressed air injection hole; and

the air injection hole is positioned above the drain mechanism to enable the compressed air to forcibly discharge the liquid from inside the recoil cover.